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Latin America Needs More Preacher

By Teresa Shields
RICHMOND (BP) — Latin America urgently needs "preacher" missionaries for assignments in evangelistic work, according to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's three area secretaries who serve the countries.

Describing the job of the "preacher" missionary, or general evangelist, Frank K. Heans, area secretary for Eastern South America, said this type of missionary works with pastors, trains leaders, plants churches and mission points, helps established churches grow, and promotes church and denominational programs.

Charles W. Bryan, area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, added, "For several years there have been calls to enter new countries. Lack of personnel has prevented us from entering those doors of opportunity. There are seven countries in Middle America and the Caribbean we could enter tomorrow if we had sufficient personnel to do so."

Echoing Bryan and Means, J. Bryan Brasington, area secretary for Western South America, said, "In our area, the big need is for general evangelists. We need young pastors to preach and teach."

A report prepared by the board's missionary personnel department shows Latin America averaging the lowest number of missionaries appointed per year over a five year period.

Means called the need in eastern South America "acute." There are 150 requests for missionaries in 1976 to go to the area. More than two-thirds of those are for general evangelists.

"Some are needed to be pioneers working in areas previously neglected," he continued. "Eastern South America includes the vast Amazonian Basin, the Transamazonian Highway, and the projected perimetral highway just inside Brazil's remotest boundaries."

Some general evangelists are

needed to work with groups of churches, much like associational missionaries in the United States, he added. Many are city missionaries in urban situations such as Buenos Aires, Argentina; Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, Salvador, Recife, or Fortaleza, Brazil.

Brasington cites 148 requests in his area, three-fourths of those for general evangelists, and Bryan reports 116 requests for Middle America and the Caribbean, also more than three-fourths for general evangelists.

"In the strategic location of Piura, Peru, there is a missionary residence which has been oc-

cupied for five years," Brasington said. "We need a couple to work there in the northern mountain area which is a very responsive place today. That is just one incidence of the need."

Bryan added, "In urban and rural Panama we need three couples to work in general evangelism. I can't convey enough the real urgency of this particular need."

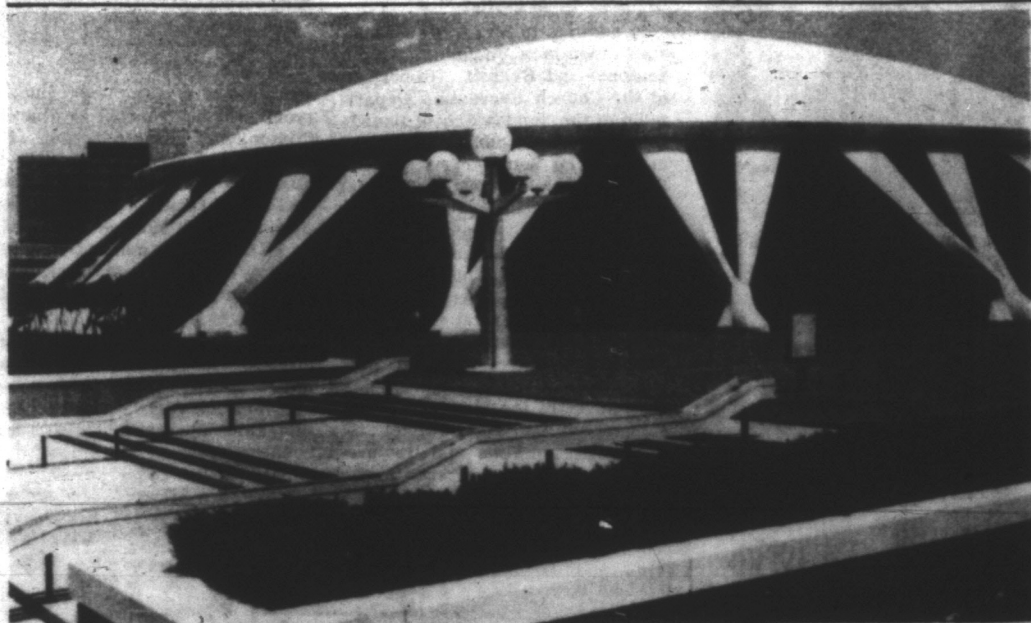
Other requests include, office secretaries, theological teachers, religious education promoters, music promoters, camp developers, social workers, urban center workers, physicians, nurses, chaplains, dietitians, student

workers, counselors, agricultural evangelists, Woman's Missionary Union workers, and literature workers, according to the three area secretaries.

"There are harvests to be gathered waiting for reapers," Bryan said. "Jesus told us to 'pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out reapers to his harvest field,' (Matthew 9:38, Williams translation)."

Brasington continued, "We pray somehow Southern Baptists will become aware of these great needs and through the churches, God will call out young people to fill the needs. We have the resources. What we need now is a greater world vision."

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Southern Baptist Convention Site

The Scope Convention Center in Norfolk, Va., will be the site of the Southern Baptist Convention June 15-17. Some 16,000 messengers are expected from every state in the United States. This year will mark the eighth time the convention has met in Virginia.

Bible Conference Music To Be Varied, Interesting

Tom Larrimore, music evangelist of Jackson, will be in charge of a varied and interesting music program March 29 and 30 during the Baptist Bicentennial Bible Conference, according to Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of the conference.

The conference, sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be held at First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Mrs. Clyde Bryan of Jackson will be the organist for the conference. Ben Scarborough of Oxford will be the pianist.

Other musical presentations will involve a trumpet, solos, duets,

a quartet and a choir.

David Larrimore, minister of music at Calvary Baptist Church of Tupelo, will play the trumpet. Solos will be presented by Bill Clark, Jackson television personality, and by Cecil Harper, minister of music at Robinson Street Baptist Church in Jackson.

There will be two duets. They will be the two man-and-wife teams of Larry Black, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Jackson, and his wife, Sandy, and Bill Bacon, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Clinton, and his wife, Martha.

The staff quartet of First Baptist Church, Jackson, will sing. And Gary Anglin, minister of music at Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson, will direct the Chancel Choir of the church.

Rev. Frank ... pastor. Dr. Earl Kelly is executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Some 25 personalities from Mississippi and beyond will be speakers and conference leaders during the two - day meeting. The conference will begin at 2 p.m. on Monday and close following an evening general session on Tuesday.

Special parking will be arranged for buses at the intersection of High and State Streets. There will be a special section in the auditorium for the deaf, and it will be located at the front of the auditorium on the side of the organ. Nursery facilities will be available for children from birth through five years of age.

There will be no pre-registration. Those who attend the conference will register on a giant scroll in the registration area as they arrive.

Slacks To Be Conductors For Young Musicians

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Slack of Garland, Texas, will be guest conductors on April 10 when some 2,500 4th, 5th, and 6th grade boys and girls from all over the state gather at Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson for the annual Young Musicians' Festival of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The event is sponsored annually by the Church Music Department

Church Building Plans Conferences April 12-13

Church Building Conferences are planned for April 12 and April 13 in Brookhaven and in Grenada. The conference in each city will be at the First Baptist Church. Each will begin at 2 p.m. and will close at 8:30 p.m. A meal will be served at 6 p.m.

The April 12 conference will be in Brookhaven, and the April 13 meeting will be in Grenada.

Program personalities in each conference will include the pastors Dr. P. A. Michel in Brookhaven

and Dr. John Lee Taylor in Grenada.

Otherwise, the program participants will be the same, according to Rev. Dennis Conniff Jr., church architecture consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. They include Jack Bagwell, consultant for the Sunday School Board in Nashville; James Colie, a landscape architect in Nashville; Walter Couch, an electrical engineer in Meridian; Richard Dean, a Jackson architect; Warren McCleskey, a Hattiesburg architect; Joe Pursell, a Jackson architect; and James W. Storey, a Jackson mechanical engineer.

Bagwell and Conniff will discuss the services that are available from the Sunday School Board and the Mississippi Baptist Con-

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Tommy Jones Elected

HMB Names President, Hears Search Report

By Toby Drain
SILVER SPRING, Md. (BP) — Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors, meeting for the first time in the Washington, D. C. area, elected a new president and appointed 45 missionaries here.

They also got a preliminary report from the committee seeking a new executive director for the agency, including a hint that the recommendation before the July, 1976, target date.

The directors, in their annual spring meeting, reaffirmed the statement titled "Baptist Faith

and Message" as the board's guideline for employment of staff and missionaries.

The statement was approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963 and has been reaffirmed subsequent conventions.

Tommy Jones, pastor of Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., was elected president of the board of directors, succeeding Russell

preliminary report from the seven-member search committee named last October to seek a nominee for executive director of the HMB. Arthur B. Rutledge, who has headed the HMB in that position since 1965, will retire at the end of 1976.

Elder, reporting in the place of Oklahoma City pastor and search committee chairman Gene Garrison, who was ill and unable to attend the meeting, hinted that the committee might call a special meeting of the directors to present their choice before the July target date. The next meeting of the full board is scheduled July 19-21 in Atlanta.

The committee, Elder said, is "experiencing an unusual sense of God's leadership" as it sifts through the many recommendations that have come in from all over the convention.

"Today we do not have a nominee. And no one has been eliminated," he said, "but we have a sense God is leading us to the right man."

Elder, assistant to the executive (Continued on page 2)



New Home Mission Board officers, elected at the directors' spring meeting in Washington, D.C., are Tommy Jones, center, president, pastor of Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, Ga.; Mrs. I. W. Bowen III, Forsyth, Ga., first vice-president; and James Richard Maples, pastor of First Baptist Church, El Paso, Tex., second vice-president.

First, Hattiesburg, Leases Cable Television Channel

The switches were thrown on a Sunday morning this month, and First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg went on the air on its own leased television channel.

The church has leased Channel 8 from G. E. Cablevision to be used for Christian programming. It is supposed that First Church, Hattiesburg, is the first church in Mississippi to enter into such a program.

Dr. Brooks Wester, the pastor, said the goal of this new venture is "to provide a spiritual service to the entire community. It's not

The evening service will be replayed on Monday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Radio and Television Commission tapes of The Human Dimension and The Answer will be used

on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the morning worship service will be replayed on Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

In two months the church plans (Continued on page 2)



Slack
Mrs. Slack

of the Convention Board. Dan Hall is department director.

The guest conductors are a husband and wife team on the staff of the First Baptist Church in Garland, Texas. Hall said, "Their choirs have received honors and awards wherever they have sung. They have toured both

Carey Call Conference To Emphasize Commitment

"In light of the fact that within Baptist youth in the explor-

Mississippi Baptist

Bicentennial Bible Conference

March 29-30, 1976

First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

MONDAY AFTERNOON — MARCH 29

Presiding — Bryant M. Cummings

- 2:00 Auditorium — General Session
Welcome—Scripture — Prayer — Franklin Pollard
MUSIC: Tom Larrimore, Mrs. Claude Bryan, Ben Scarborough (Additional special music to be announced)
- 2:20 "What the Bible Says About People" — Wayne Dehoney
- 3:00 Free Time — Book Stores, Exhibits (Flag Hall), Refreshments
- 3:20 "Red" Section Bible Conferences

		Conference Room
1. JONAH	— Hardy R. Denham	M-117
2. ISAIAH	— Joe Tuten	M-301
3. AMOS	— Donald F. Ackland	M-201
4. GALATIANS	— Bob Hamblin	M-302
5. II CORINTHIANS	— Bill Duncan	M-101
6. FIRST JOHN	— Charles Myers	M-116
7. HEBREWS	— Barry Landrum	M-102
8. FIRST PETER	— Jim Keith	M-111

4:45 Adjourn

MONDAY NIGHT — MARCH 29

Presiding — Glen Wierick

- 6:45 "Red" Section Bible Conferences (Continuation of afternoon Conferences)
- 8:10 Adjourn to Auditorium
- 8:15 Auditorium — General Session
Scripture and Prayer — David Millican
16mm Film "American Time Capsule"
MUSIC: Tom Larrimore, Mrs. Clyde Bryan, Ben Scarborough (Additional special music to be announced)
- 8:40 "What the Bible Says About Speaking in Tongues" — William E. Hull

Tuesday Morning — March 30

Presiding — Chester Vaughn

- 8:45 Auditorium — General Session
MUSIC: Tom Larrimore, Mrs. Clyde Bryan, Ben Scarborough (Additional special music to be announced)
- Scripture and Prayer — W. Thomas Baddley
- 9:05 "What the Bible Says About Angels" — H. Franklin Paschall
- 9:45 MUSIC (Congregation and special)
- 9:50 "What the Bible Says About Devils and Demons" — Donald F. Ackland
- 10:40 Free Time — Book Stores, Exhibits (Flag Hall), Refreshments
- 11:00 "White" Section Bible Conferences

		Conference Room
1. JAMES	— Allen Webb	M-116
2. ROMANS	— William W. Stevens	M-302
3. II TIMOTHY	— Frank Gunn	M-101
4. JOSHUA	— Brooks H. Wester	M-117
5. REVELATION	— Joe T. Odle	M-201
6. RUTH	— Don Stewart	M-102
7. JOHN	— Bill Causey	M-301
8. PHILIPPIANS	— P. A. Michel	M-111

12:30 Adjourn

Tuesday Afternoon — March 30

Presiding — Joe McKeever

- 2:00 Auditorium — General Session
Scripture and Prayer — Clyde Bryan, Ben Scarborough (Additional special music to be announced)
- 2:20 "What the Bible Says About the Resurrection" — Jaroy Weber
- 3:00 Free Time — Book Stores, Exhibits (Flag Hall), Refreshments
- 3:20 "White" Section Bible Conferences (Continuation of morning Conferences)

4:45 Adjourn

Tuesday Night — March 30

- 6:45 "Blue Section Bible Conferences (One session only)"
- | | | Conference Room |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. "The Priesthood of all Believers" | — Scott Tatum | M-117 |
| 2. "The Atonement" | — W. Douglas Hudgins | M-201 |
| 3. "Sanctification" | — J. Terry Young | M-102 |
| 4. "Persuervance" | — James L. Sullivan | M-302 |
| 5. "Justification" | — Ray Robbins | M-301 |
- 8:00 Adjourn to Auditorium
- 8:10 Auditorium — General Session
Presiding — Bryant M. Cummings
Scripture and Prayer — Ferrell Cork
16mm Film "An American Time Capsule"
MUSIC: Tom Larrimore, Mrs. Clyde Bryan, Ben Scarborough (Additional special music to be announced)
- Parade of American Flags
- 8:40 "What the Bible Says About A Christian's Part in A Secular World" — W. A. Criswell

Carey Call Conference

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tions. At noon a complimentary luncheon - dialogue will conclude the seminar-type Call Conference. "Call '76 is totally free-of-charge to all students interested in exploring church-related vocations," commented Dr. Jerry Oswalt, Carey chaplain and director of the conference. "All we need is to know how many to expect. Pastors and educational directors are urged to bring or send their dedi-

cated youth to the conference. They may make reservations by calling or writing the Office of the Chaplain, William Carey College."

An added attraction for the Call '76 conference is a special concert by nationally-known ANITA BRYANT. "Tickets to the 2 p.m. concert are \$5 each and must be purchased in advance. They may be reserved by phone," added Dr. Oswalt.



The fifth annual William Carey College CALL CONFERENCE will introduce students such as Randy Weeks and Marsha Brabham, above, to vocational opportunities which abound in supportive staff positions in Baptist churches throughout Mississippi. Chaplain Jerry Oswalt, director of CALL '76, discusses the April 3 conference which is set for 10 a.m., concluding with a noon complimentary luncheon-dialogue session with six experts in the field.



Gary Anglin, left, minister of music at Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson, and the Chancel Choir.



Larry and Sandy Black



Bill and Martha Bacon



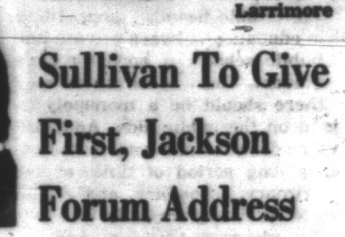
Tom Larrimore



Mrs. Bryan



Scarborough



David Larrimore

Sullivan To Give First, Jackson Forum Address

Dr. James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, will speak at First Baptist, Jackson, March 28. He will be speaking at 5:45 for the church's World Forum on the subject, "Baptists and The Bicentennial."

Dr. Sullivan is author of "Lawrence County, Miss. He has served Baptist churches and the denomination in numerous leadership roles for 44 years. He served the Baptist Sunday School Board as President from 1953 through 1974. He is a frequent speaker at Baptist assemblies and conventions. He is the author of five books, the latest being *Hope of Sand with Strength of Steel*, and *God Is My Record*.

The World Forum is a special feature of the Church Training Program of First Baptist Church. It is a special lecture program held on the last Sunday of each month featuring special programs and lectures that relate to areas of study currently in progress during the Church Training hour.

Young Musicians

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Convention in Dallas and at Glorieta Baptist Assembly in Glorieta, N. M.

In keeping with a bicentennial emphasis, the young people will be singing the "Sound of America" by Terry Kirkland, who is a writer and editor in the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. The narrator for the dramatic celebration will be Mrs. Ed Hamilton. She is a drama graduate of Mississippi State University and assists with musical and dramatic productions at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson. She also directs "The Messengers," Broadmoor's youth drama group and puppet ministry.

The musical will be presented with taped accompaniment. Mrs. Simeon May of the Mississippi Church Music Department, will be the rehearsal accompanist. The day's activities will begin with registration and seating at 9:15 a.m. and will conclude with the concert at 1:45 p.m.

The registration deadline for the festival is April 2. Information is to be found on pages 21-23 of the Mississippi Baptist Festival Handbook. A registration form is in the back of the handbook.

An optional adjudication session is planned for April 9 at 7 p.m. at Ridgeland Baptist Church, just north of Jackson, Hall said.

HMB Names President, Hears Search Report

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secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said the group had not received "undue pressure" from any area.

"We are right now at the point where we need your greatest concern and most sincere prayer," he added.

Missionaries appointed included two career missionaries, 14 missionary associates, seven missionary pastors and 23 US-2 missionaries.

In other significant action, the directors raised the interest rate on HMB loans to churches to 8.5 percent, approved Dayton, Ohio, as the site of the 1978 spring meeting, and passed a resolution encouraging support of the American Bible Society, the World Home Bible League and use of the scriptures both produce.

The directors approved Lyndon W. Collings for the new post of assistant to the director of the board's missions section. The position recently was created by eliminating the department of survey and special studies.

Collings has served as assistant director of the department of church extension since coming to the HMB from Indiana in 1973. He served in the Hoosier State

as director of missions in the Northwest Baptist Association and previously was pastor of churches in Muncie and Clarksville, Ind., and in Kentucky.

A native of Normandy, Ky., Collings is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Resignations of two staff members also were accepted by the directors. Meeler Markham, director of associational publications in the division of associational missions, and a veteran of 10 years with the HMB staff, resigned, effective May 5. He will become director of missions in the Frio River Baptist Association in Texas.

Toby Druin, news service editor in the department of editorial services since 1973, resigned effective April 19. Druin has been named associate editor of the Baptist Standard in Texas.

The directors met outside the Atlanta area in a continuing plan to move the spring meeting around the nation to give more Baptists opportunity to see them in action.

The meeting here was held in three churches — Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va.; First Baptist Church, Alexandria

Complete Mini-Lab Staff Features Puppet Expert

Leadership for the Church Recreation Mini-Lab for Mississippi has been completed, according to Norman A. Rodgers, Church recreation Consultant for the state. It includes Mrs. Joy Robertson, special worker with the Church Recreation Department of the Sunday School Board. Her specialization is puppet construction and production.

This state-wide church recreation event is May 3-4 at Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, beginning at 2 p.m. and ending at 5:20 p.m. on the following day. Jimmy Smith is the host minister of activities.

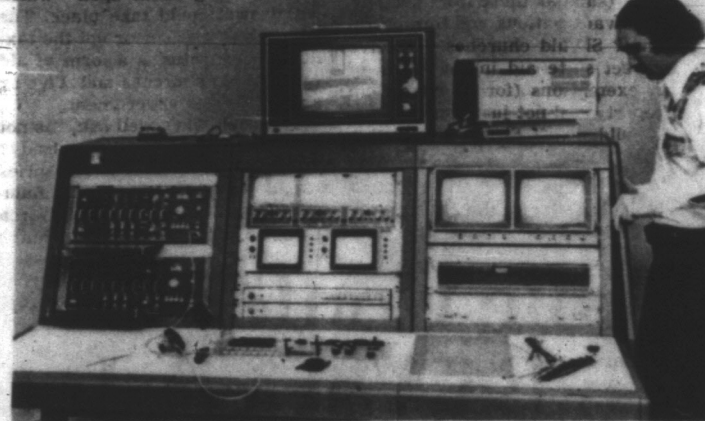
In addition to Mrs. Robertson, staff members include Bob Sessions and Everett Robertson of the Church Recreation Department of the Sunday School Board; Gerald Lord, graduate student at Southern Seminary; Wayne Barber, associate pastor, Colonial Heights, Jackson; Mike Reed, minister of activities, Calvary, Jackson; Rusty Griffin, minister of activities, First Church, Vicksburg; Dr. Darrell Baergen, minister of activities, First Church, Laurel; and Gene Hendrix, and Mrs. Kathy Newell of First Church, Clinton.

Features of the Monday night session will be devotional by puppet presentation and the presentation of a play. The puppet group will be from First Church, Clinton. Mrs. Kathy Newell, Director, Dr. Darrell Baergen will direct the play which will involve members at First Church, Laurel.

Also included Monday night will be a fellowship planned and led by Bob Sessions and Wayne Barber, with music led by Gerald Lord. Tuesday will be devoted to conferences on puppet construction and production, dramatic games and improvisations, social recreation, camping, retreats, crafts and hobbies, sports, and games.



Mrs. Joy Robertson



Ray Barone assembles the video console at First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

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to be on the air for two hours each evening. During the times First Church is not using the channel it is being used to convey weather information. First Church can throw the switches on its control board, however, and go on the air immediately. It coordinates its activities with the studio programming weather information so that the studio can know what to expect.

Expanded programming could include special events involving the church such as musical events, a Bible study program, and a children's program. The church is planning to broadcast a revival, a Bible course for credit, a James Robinson evangelistic crusade, and a special training series on parent growth and development.

First Church took a great deal of time in studying this approach before adopting a proposal including an expenditure of almost \$100,000 for equipment. The church owns two top-quality color cameras and control equipment capable of live broadcasts, recording and playing back video tapes, and showing movies or slide presentations. The cameras may be moved to wherever they are needed.

Blankenship has spent three years at the University of Southern Mississippi at night studying mass communication in radio, television, and film. He's been named general manager of the cablevision ministry in addition to his duties as minister of education.

Volunteers handle the work, and enough have been trained to have alternate crews so that there are no problems in programming. The ongoing cost to the church is basically \$300 per month. This is scaled downward by 50 cents per month per First Church constituent who subscribes to the cable. Blankenship indicated that the anticipated cost to the church is less than \$200.

The audience is not firmly established. The cable has 10,000 subscribers, making an estimated 30,000 viewers. On Sundays about 30 percent of these are figured

Va.; and First Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Md.

More than 1,500 persons attended a mission rally at First Baptist Church, Alexandria, to see six missionaries commissioned and 11 retiring missionaries honored.

to be in church and another 30 percent out of town. This leaves over 12,000 possible viewers for the five television channels that are available. This means that First Church should be able to add some 2,400 people to its Sunday morning audience.

With this before it, First Church launched out on faith. "This has been one of those things that has gained momentum as we study it and the congregation became informed," Dr. Wester said. "We asked the people to be praying for the ministry, and we can feel a great amount of prayer support for the beginning and outreach of the ministry. I sense now among the congregation an expectant spirit."

Building Conference

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picture and audio presentation on auditoriums, parking, education buildings, and multi-use buildings.

The conferences will be sponsored by the Church Architectural Services of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Church Architecture Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Displays will be on hand from suppliers of folding doors, glass, steeples, baptistries, pews, chairs, floor covering, gymnasium floors, acoustical material, carpet, and other items, Conniff indicated.

Gallman Calls Charles Abbey

Rev. Charles E. Abbey, formerly of Laurel, has accepted the pastorate of Gallman Church, Copiah County.

He is a graduate of Delta State University, and has recently completed his work at New Orleans Seminary, where he will graduate in May. This will be his pastorate.

Mr. Abbey is married to the former Katherine Sudbeck of Yazoo County. They have two daughters, Beth, 7, and Kay, one. Gallman Church welcomed the Abbys with a fellowship dinner and an old-fashioned pounding.

Church-State Issues In Education: Tax-Exemption And Tax-Credits

By Ronnie Prevost

Third In Series of Four

Education, many would agree, is the focal point of the church-state issue today. A lot of people would like to believe that the issue is "cut and dried." Rather, the issue becomes complicated and complex with such queries as: Should parochial school lunchrooms receive surplus food on the same basis as do lunchrooms of the public schools? Should transportation to parochial schools be provided at public expense? (It is in sixteen states and in part in five other states.) Should parochial school students be furnished with free textbooks? (They are in five states.) Should churches accept direct state aid for school construction? Should Bible reading and prayer be permitted in public schools? Should public schools use any distinctive religious symbols such as a crucifix or a star of David, a nativity scene, or memorial on their property? Should religious persons or groups be allowed to display laws deemed necessary to protect the health and safety of society as a whole (such as those laws pertaining to vaccinations and immunizations)? Should churches receive indirect state aid in the form of tax exemptions (for all church property and not just church school buildings)? Should contributions to churches be tax deductible? Should persons be allowed tax credits for tuition paid to parochial schools?



These are just a few of the areas of concern within the realm of church-state relations and even within these there are many questions to be asked and many gray areas with no easy solutions. This complicated set of circumstances and problems will require patient, objective, and skilled treatment on the parts of the secular and religious communities if any type or group of solutions is to be found.

There are two specific issues relating to the church-state question in education. These are the tax status of churches and their schools and tax credits for tuition paid to parochial schools.

In setting up the Internal Revenue Code Congress made it possible for taxpayers to deduct up to fifty percent of their income for contributions made to churches. This is not a right held by the churches. It is a privilege which could be revoked by the Internal Revenue Service's quasi-judicial power for two of several other reasons: racial discrimination and attempting to take part in influencing legislation. Many Christians do not list their church offerings when itemizing deductions and they usually explain this by saying that they either do not believe that it is the government's business to know how much they have given to their church or they feel that they are, in a sense, receiving back some of what they had given to the church. Of course, this tax-deductible status has been viewed by many as a sort of incentive produced by the government in the churches' favor. We can only speculate as to the effect withdrawal of a church's tax-deductible status would have on its receipts. Certainly churches must be aware that this privilege can be withdrawn and they must be knowledgeable concerning the grounds upon which withdrawal could take place. The question is whether or not the tax-deductible status is a form of aid extended to churches and their schools by the government.

One could very well ask, "Is not tax exemption a form of subsidy? Surely our church treasuries would be sorely pressed to maintain many of our present church programs including our church schools if the churches were forced to pay taxes paid by other institutions and corporations owning property and holding land. Whether or not tax exemption is a form of subsidy, the threat of withdrawal of tax exempt status could possibly be used by a government as a kind of financial lever to force a church or group of churches to do its bidding. At the risk of being considered Cassandra, many are warning of this very real possibility and something churches will have to face very soon.

A related proposal is that churches should pay taxes. This proposal is based in the tenable assumption that churches are protected by the government (as the government is outlined in the constitution which provides for freedom of religion) and make use of public services and facilities (fire and police protection for instance) as they carry out their programs. Of course, others would ask if the church would not then have some say over governmental practices should the church become a tax paying institution. We could carry this a step further and ask to what degree would the church have representation on the basis of its taxation? The possibilities are numerous and, to many of us, fearful.

President Ford has made his voice heard concerning tax credit as he spoke in a press conference recently. He was asked his views on federal aid to private and parochial schools. His answer was: "Well, I have personally expressed over a long period of time that the tax credit proposal is a good proposal. The Supreme Court unfortunately a year or so ago, in effect declared such a program — I think it was in the Pennsylvania case — as unconstitutional. I think that's regrettable because competition in education between private and public schools is good for the student. There is no reason why there should be a monopoly in joint on the public side. And, private education has contributed over a long period of time, at the primary, secondary, and graduate levels significantly to a better educated America. And I would hope that we could find some constitutional way in which to help private schools.

Mr. Ford apparently would identify himself with the proponents of the tax credit who argue that parochial and other private schools, in educating young people, are easing the burden that public schools weigh in the shoulders of the tax base. This same factor would agree that a parent who pays tuition for his child to attend a parochial school is virtually being forced to support both the parochial school system (through tuition payments) and the public school system (through payment of taxes). To them, this double burden is unfair.

There are those who oppose the tax credit as well as any other state support of parochial schools. Their arguments are that this tax credit would seriously lessen the amount of funds available for public education and that this tax credit would be a form of indirect aid to parochial schools because of the incentive produced by it to enroll one's children in parochial schools. They make the former argument on the basis that taxes would have to be hiked if public schools were to survive and this tax burden on those without children in parochial schools would be unfair. The latter argument is based in the assumption that the incentive produced by tax credits would be indirectly supporting not only a church's school, but the church's beliefs also. Church schools naturally teach and seek to reinforce the tenets of the sponsoring church. A survey by the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church (it had at one time the second highest number of parochial schools with 1,300) and two surveys by the Roman Catholic Church (with the highest number of students enrolled in its parochial schools with 3,614,000 in 1973-74) agreed in their conclusions that students trained exclusively in parochial schools did better on questions of religious fact and faith than did those with a purely public education.

In summary, the Denver Post of November 22, 1974, stated that, "No taxpayer has a responsibility to support another man's religion. Nor should he be asked to support, directly or indirectly, another man's religious schools." (Note: Ronnie Prevost is a postgraduate student at New Orleans Seminary. He is a Mississippian.)

cause more than half of the requirements leading up to the Diploma in Pastoral Ministries, may be completed off campus."

The program, begun at the New Orleans Seminary as an on-campus program, designed to certify the competency of ministers who had not earned a bachelors level degree from a college or university.

"The program has the flexibility to enable a minister to receive this education while he is still on his own church field," noted Rust. "This flexibility is provided through the use of educational opportunities approved by the seminary administration. Seminary Extension Department of the SBC, Baptist colleges, Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and state convention sponsored education extension centers offer courses, the successful completion of which will be credited toward the Diploma in Pastoral Ministry."

The decision to renew the Christian Training program, inactive since 1958, and the election of Dr. Bryson were actions of the Board of Trustees.

Elections of new officers resulted in the re-election of Dr. Magee as president and Floyd Lewis as vice president. A local New Orleans physician, Dr. Guy Williams, was elected secretary; and Mr. Dudley May, a Baton Rouge businessman is the new board treasurer.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley Hattox Sr. stand before their home in Coldwater, Miss.

Hattox Trust Reaches Almost \$30,000 For MC

By Carey Cox
Executive Secretary

Mississippi Baptist Foundation
On Nov. 5, 1970, Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley Hattox Sr. of Coldwater, Miss., gave to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation stocks valued at \$6,655.85 for the purpose of establishing that which shall be known as the "John Stanley Hattox, Sr. and Lottie A. Tucker Hattox Memorial Trust." The principal of this trust as of Dec. 31, 1975, was \$10,592.36.

On Feb. 29, 1976, Mr. and Mrs. Hattox gave additional stock to the Foundation with instructions for it to be sold and the net amount added to the principal of the trust. As a result on Feb. 23, 1976, \$19,383.00 was added to the trust bringing the total to \$29,975.36.

In keeping with the trust established the income "shall be utilized for scholarships at Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., in the area of athletics or biological sciences or for the purchase of biological equipment, with the Scholarship Committee, the Athletic Director and the Biological Science Department Head having full authority to purchase equipment for the purpose hereinbefore mentioned or to determine the recipient and the amount of the scholarships."

The love and loyalty of Mr. and Mrs. Hattox for Mississippi College has been demonstrated through the years. As a student at Mississippi College Mr. Hattox was an outstanding athlete and of recent date was nominated for the Mississippi College Hall of Fame.

Mr. and Mrs. Hattox were married on May 5, 1916, and on May 9, Mr. Hattox brought the Bible to the breakfast table and they began reading the Bible and having prayer, a practice which has continued until this day. He has served as a deacon in Baptist churches for more than 50 years and a Sunday School teacher for 35 years. Mr. Hattox has organized and worked in the nursery department of several churches. She organized the Nursery Department, teaches in the Sunday School, and is an active worker in the Woman's Missionary Union of the Coldwater Baptist Church, Coldwater, where they have lived for the past 25 years.

Mr. Hattox served as principal of schools in Mississippi for 30 years while Mrs. Hattox supported him in the home and by substituting as a teacher when needed. They have one son, Dr. J. S.

Seminary Adds Bryson To Faculty, Reactivates School

NEW ORLEANS — A diploma program designed to certify competency in Bible interpretation, preaching, and pastoral administration, for ministers who do not have a Bachelors degree, will be offered by the Orleans Seminary.

Also Dr. Harold T. Bryson, pastor of the Eastdale Baptist Church of Montgomery, Alabama, has been elected associate professor of preaching at the seminary.

Dr. Bryson is known in regional denominational work for his leadership as president and vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

He has published articles in the denominational papers and publications of the Southern Baptist Convention and has authored several books, including his newest release, Yes, Virginia, There Is A Hell.

Dr. Bryson, a native of Tupelo, received his B. A. degree from Mississippi College and the B.D., Th.M. and Th.D. degree from the New Orleans Seminary.

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There is no surer way for people to continue to be involved after the Lord has called them home than for continuous support to be given to programs designed to prepare young people for maximum Christian living. That which Mr. and Mrs. Hattox have done will in the future give support to Mississippi College and to students.

John Newport Accepts Rice Faculty Post

HOUSTON (BP)—John P. Newport, professor of philosophy of religion at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, since 1952, has been named to the newly-created Harry and Hazel Chavanne Chair of Religious Studies at Rice University here, effective July 1.

Newport, 59, taught at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and was minister of churches in Kentucky, Mississippi, and Oklahoma before joining Southwestern.

MasterControl Wins Distinguished Service Award

FORT WORTH (BP)—"MasterControl", a half-hour radio production of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here, has received the 1975 Distinguished Service award for a radio program from the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa. "MasterControl", syndicated on 525 stations across the country, is produced for the Radio and Television Commission by Charles Yates. The show was lauded for "outstanding accomplishment in helping..."

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EDITORIAL Glenn L. Archer

An organization which has deserved, and which has had, Southern Baptist support throughout its history, is Americans United, formerly known as POAU or Protestants and Other Americans United. For more than a quarter of a century it has served as a rallying force for those Americans who opposed the use of tax dollars for the support of churches and church institutions, and an effective agency it has been.

Southern Baptists had part in the launching of this work, and members of the denomination have been on its governing boards through its history. One man, however, who is not a Southern Baptist, has stood out above all others in giving the agency effectiveness and success in its ministry. This man is Glenn L. Archer, a Kansas

Methodist, who left the field of education to answer the call of leadership of the organization 28 years ago. He comes to retirement on April 1.

Glenn L. Archer has shown unusual dedication to a task, and has been a man who has been able to rally strong men and organizations around him, for a cause in which he believed whole heartedly. He often has appeared on the platform of the Southern Baptist Convention, and at state conventions and other meetings all across the nation.

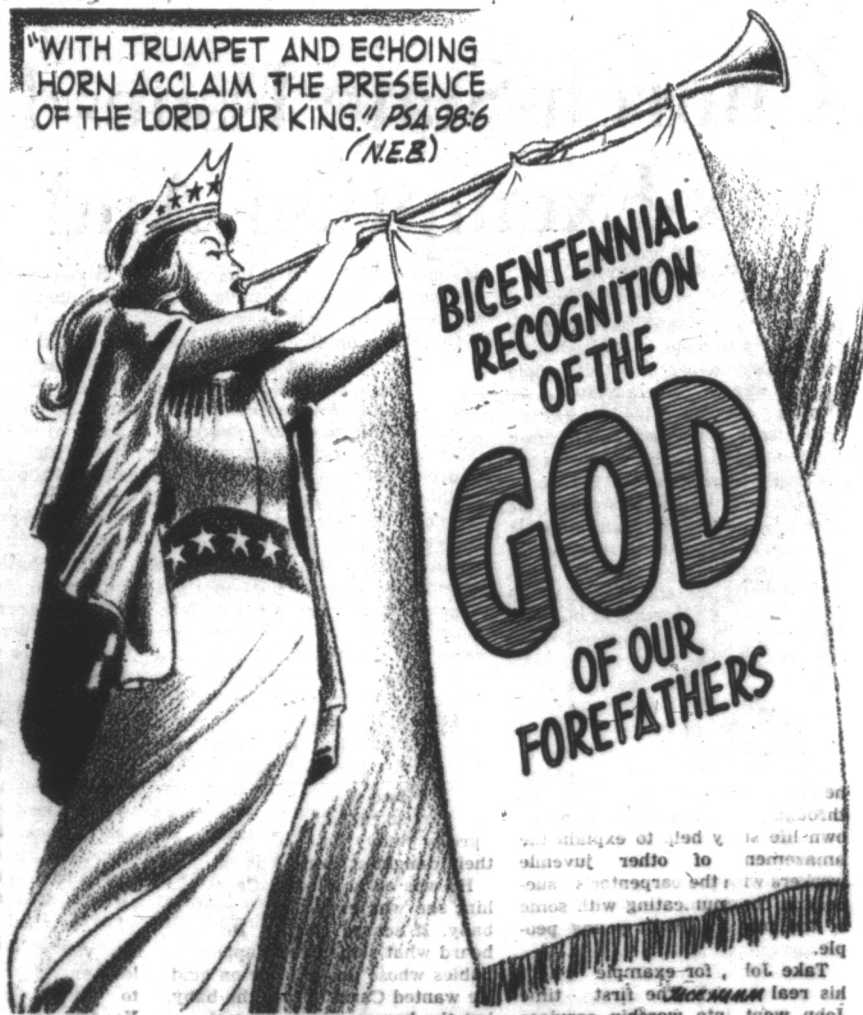
Speaking concerning Mr. Archer, Editor John Hurt says in the Baptist Standard (Texas) "No one could list all of the Archer talents. He was an administrator as Americans United demonstrates from his 28 years of management. (From a 'second hand desk and chair with himself as the only employee' to 'a national headquarter

ers, effective staff and a monthly magazine'). He inspired confidence of those to whom he turned, as shown in financial support he developed through the years. And, maybe the best proof of Archer's effectiveness was the animosity he won from those who sought tax dollars for church schools and other church institutions."

Now retirement time has come for Glenn Archer and other hands will take up the torch he so ably has carried. Yet, Southern Baptists and others who believe in the principle of separation of church and state, will never forget this warm, friendly man from Kansas, who so ably spoke their sentiments, and who so fearlessly led in the battles against those who would destroy a principle which Baptists hold so dear.

Thank you, Glenn Archer, for a job well done!

"WITH TRUMPET AND ECHOING
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(N.E.B.)



HIGH NOTE OF THE YEAR

The Editor's Notebook

Sunday through Wednesday of last week were spent speaking in a Bible Conference in the Braeburn Glen Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. We had a delightful and profitable four days of Bible study with these people, sharing the pulpit at each session with Dr. Leo Eddleman, now a professor at the Criswell Bible Institute.

Rev. Jimmie Hefner is pastor of this church and is leading it in a growing and challenging program. I predict a great future for the church which is located in the center of a growing area of Northeast Dallas, with the suburban city of Garland just blocks away. The church has eight well located acres on a main thoroughfare, just a half-mile off the L. B. Johnson Interstate Loop which circles the city. Tens of thousands of people live in homes and apartments in this area, and this is one of several Baptist churches seeking to reach them. Surely such a church, well located, and with adequate facilities for its early ministry, has a great future under leadership such as it has in its dynamic young pastor.

The Braeburn Glen Church is a satellite or mission church of the Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church, and was started when Frank Pollard, pastor, and Glen Weirick, administrator, of Jackson's First Baptist Church, were both in the Dallas church. Braeburn Glen is located about four or five miles from Shiloh Terrace, and the wisdom of that church in starting this new work is clear when one drives through the area. Bran Harbour, formerly of Colonial Heights, Jackson, now pastors Shiloh Terrace.

As stated above, sharing in the Bible Conference program at Braeburn Glen was Dr. Leo Eddleman, native Mississippian who has served as pastor, missionary, seminary professor, seminary president, an editor at the Sunday School Board, and an author. About four years ago he became president of Criswell Bible Institute in Dallas. He gave up administrative duties there a year or two ago to give full time to teaching, and writing, but of course is much in demand as a preacher and Bible teacher. Criswell Institute has about 150 full time students, and several hundred in the night school. Dr. Eddleman shared each service of the Bible Conference with the editor, and blessed all of us with his rich scholarship and able preaching. Mrs. Eddleman, the former Sarah Fox, was with him at every service. On Wednesday we visited Dr. Eddleman's office at the Institute.

The visit to Dallas included attendance at the Dallas Pastor's Conference which meets at First Baptist Church each Monday. There we met several old friends, including C. Y. Dossey, whom older members of First, Gulfport will remember as having held a great revival in that church in 1952. While attending that conference, we heard one preacher say concerning the Bible:

1. Read it through;
2. Pray it in;
3. Put it down;
4. Pass it on.

First Baptist Church, Dallas is adding another large new building to its vast complex, to make even more effective its widespread ministry. There is something very unusual about this one, however, and that is that the church bought a city street to build it on. Since their auditorium is on one side of this street, and large educational buildings are on the other, and since it was not a through street the church persuaded the city to close a block and sell it to the church. Today the steel work is going up for a great new educational building on part of that property. One stands in awe and in thanksgiving to God, when he sees all the things that are being done in Kingdom witness in this great downtown church, pastored by one of Southern Baptists' most beloved preachers, W. A. Criswell.

While in Dallas I also had the privilege of visiting the new facility of the Baptist Standard, the official journal of Texas Baptists. This publication, which, with a circulation of 375,000, is by far the largest of all the Southern Baptist state papers, and is one of the most widely circulated religious journals in the world. It is ably edited by Dr. John Hurt. The paper outgrew its downtown plant, and has moved to the modern new facility. This beautiful building which provides space both for the editorial and circulation offices, and the giant printing plant, is located at one of the exits of the Dallas - Fort Worth Turnpike, and on a hill which gives a commanding view of downtown Dallas. It was a delightful experience to tour this magnificent plant, and although the editor is not a Mississippian, we remind Mississippians that our own Don McGregor, Associate Editor of the Record, was with the Baptist Standard for a number of years, and left it to become editor of the California Southern Baptist. From that he came to us.

Another Mississippi contact was with Billy S. Hilbun, son of retired Mississippi pastor Bruce Hilbun of So So in Jones County, and brother of John Hilbun, pastor of McDowell Road church in Jackson. Billy served as music director of First Church, Gulfport, while he was in New Orleans Seminary, and went from there to music-education programs in Shreveport and then on Dallas. A few years ago he, with others, launched the Crescendo Music Co., and he became president. We visited this facility, which is now one of the largest dealers and publishers in church music in the nation. The company not only sells music but also publishes it, makes recordings and tapes, publishes books, and recently has entered into the field of sound and electronics for the churches. We spent some time with Billy, and a moment with Helen, both of whom will be remembered by Mississippi friends. We also saw their daughter who works at the establishment, and inquired of the son and his family. He was a little boy in Gulfport days.

Another Mississippian who may be remembered by some real old-timers down in the Collins area, attended most of the services of our Bible conference. He was Barney Thames, who is in his late seventies, and has been pastor of the Pecan Grove Baptist Church in Dallas for the past 23 years. He says that he expects to continue preaching "as long as Moses did" and that means until he is 120. Actually, his vitality and activeness today, makes one believe that he means it. He grew up a few miles East of Collins and is a great Mississippi booster.

Other Mississippians with whom we had telephone contact in Dallas were Bengie and Irene Scarborough. He is the son of Ben Scarborough, pastor in Lafayette County. She grew up in Jackson. They formerly lived in Kosciusko. Both, with their two boys, are active in the First Baptist Church of Garland. Still another former Mississippi family contacted was the Ray Cleavelands, former members of First Church, Gulfport. They now are active in Dallas First Church, where Ray is a deacon.

These were four happy and meaningful days in Dallas, not only for the spiritual riches which came in the Bible Conference in Braeburn Glen Church, but also in other contacts and experiences. How good are the blessings of fellowship in our Lord's work!

THE BAPTIST FORUM

What About Ezekiel's Israel?

The prophet Ezekiel described a border which Israel would possess when they returned as a national people (Ezekiel 41:13-21). The prophet Zechariah foretold of the reinstatement of the tents of Judah before the city of Jerusalem would be restored (Zechariah 12:6-8). Israel was reborn in 1948. Jerusalem was restored in 1967. When Israel occupies the nation of Lebanon to stop the skirmishing which is going on there, the borders Ezekiel described will be filled up. God will then have given Israel her promised inheritance.

It has been taught that all of Ezekiel's messages were already fulfilled; but there are three stand-out reasons why this promise has not yet been received.

One — Ezekiel chapter four prevents God from giving Israel anything during the 430 years of iniquity from the prophet Malachi to John the Baptist.

Two — Ezekiel was born and raised in the land of Israel, before he was taken captive. He knew the names and locations for the Nile and the stream in the Sinai. If either of these had been the brook of his vision, he would have had to use its correct proper name. By not doing this, Ezekiel spoke of a third waterway. This waterway exists now as the Suez Canal.

Three — Tamar was a city that established the border; yet it was never mentioned after the Babylonian captivity, for no one knew where it was.

The last five years I have searched the word of God seeking understanding of the meaning of these things. My cup is running over. Volume one of a two volume work, "The Vision of All" is ready for a publisher to consider.

I believe in the accuracy of the word of God. Therefore, I have a hope the city of Tamar will be located. To this end I have obtained orbiting satellite photography and plotted upon it according to Ezekiel chapter 48. I now know where Tamar is awaiting. Do you know of someone willing to arrange and finance a search for its rediscovery in Israel?

Our God is still at work. His love has never faltered for those He called "My people." And God does not change, nor can His word. If you cannot trust and believe all of God's written word, what foundation is left for you to order your life upon?

How shall you react on the day God works again and Israel looks like Ezekiel described it? Will you be dismayed or rejoice in His work?

It is ironic that only the PLO is calling for a new nation to be formed in the Middle East. God's people are not yet aware that a new nation is in the making. Israel will have the deciding role in it as the skirmishing in Lebanon increases forcing Israel to attack and extend an offer of citizenship to the PLO, either above the ground or below it, as Ezekiel's Israel matures.

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FAR - OUT IDEAS FOR YOUTH GROUPS compiled by Wayne Rice and Mike Yaconelli (Zondervan, paper, 96 pp., \$2.95) This is a marvelous book of activity ideas for youth groups, including hilarious laugh-in skits, games, attendance contests, cartoons and comedies, camping plans, original skits and dramatics.

MORNING BY MORNING by C. H. Spurgeon (Baker, paper, 368 pp., \$1.95) Reprint of daily devotions by Spurgeon, one for each morning of the year.

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I WANT TO ENJOY MY CHILDREN by Henry Brandt and Phil Landrum (Zondervan, paper, 164 pp., \$2.95) This very readable handbook on parenthood says that being a parent can be a happy adventure, but that certain principles that must be followed.

NUMBER QUIZZES ON THE BIBLE by Vera Hatchcroft (Baker, \$1.35, paper, 75 pp.) These quizzes combine fun with numbers and Bible learning. They reflect Bible incidents and stories from both Old and New Testaments.

EVENING BY EVENING by C. H. Spurgeon (Baker, paper, 368 pp., \$1.95) Reprint of daily devotions by Spurgeon, one for each evening of one year.

cerning beliefs in God. The author searches deep into the questions concerning God and cherished beliefs concerning them. This is not a book for popular reading, but for serious theological thinking.

IF I DIE AT THIRTY by Meg Woodson (Zondervan, \$4.95, 166 pp.) An unforgettable glimpse into a young girl's mind as she faces the reality of her own death from cystic fibrosis. The girl and her mother try to look honestly at every aspect of encroaching death — through anger, denial, isolation, depression, to acceptance. It is a hopeful book that shows how the Christian faith can ease — not to eliminate but ease — the most poignant of human pains.

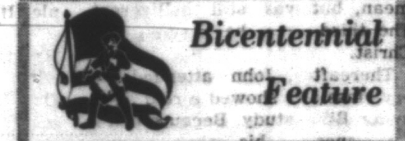
THE TOTAL WOMAN by Marnabel Morgan (Pocket Books, paper, \$1.95, 296 pp.) New paperback edition of Fleming

NEWEST BOOKS

TRAMP FOR THE LORD by Corrie ten Boom with Jamie Buckingham (Revell, paper, 192 pp., \$2.95) Paperback edition of the best-seller concerning Corrie ten Boom, the Dutch woman who was delivered from the German death camps during World War II and lived to become a witness for Jesus Christ around the world.

THE EVANGELICALS edited by David F. Wells and John D. Woodbridge (Abingdon, 394 pp., \$5.95) A carefully planned and well written symposium on the place of evangelical Christianity in modern life. The compilers say that evangelical Christianity has emerged once again as a powerful religious force.

THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD by John Austin Baker, (John Knox Press, 666 pp., \$9.95) A theological discussion con-



Baptists Protest 'Toleration Act'

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., June 13, 1775 (BP) — A so-called "toleration bill" which would prohibit dissenters from worshipping at night was protested by Virginia Baptists here in a petition to the House of Burgesses.

If enacted, the measure also would prohibit Baptists and other dissenters from fastening the doors of their meeting houses, admitting slaves to worship services or baptizing them without the permission of their owners, or conducting services anywhere except at registered meeting houses.

For years Virginia Baptists have demanded their rights under the Act of Toleration passed by the English Parliament in 1689. Under its provisions dissenters are allowed to worship in their meeting houses and their ministers are licensed to preach under certain conditions.

Baptists have not enjoyed the benefits of this act in Virginia, however. On charges of "preaching without a license" or "disturbing the peace," with their sermons, scores of Baptists have been arrested and imprisoned and even tortured.

"Baptists find themselves restricted in the exercise of their religion, their teachers imprisoned under various pretenses, and the benefits of the Toleration Act denied them," Virginia Baptists petitioned the House of Burgesses in 1772, three years before the current protest.

Not only have Baptists been subjected to intolerance and persecution, but the courts have made it virtually impossible for them to obey the law where it is observed. Ministers seeking a license must apply to a state court which meets not more than twice a year and which may be miles away. Courts have limited the number of dissenters' meeting houses to one per county.

James Madison recently observed that "that liberal, catholic and equitable way of thinking, as to the rights of conscience, which is one of the characteristics of a free people... is but little known among the zealous adherents of our hierarchy... Besides, the clergy are a numerous and powerful body, have great influence at home by reason of their connection with and dependence on the Bishops and Crown, and will naturally employ all their art and interest to depress their rising adversaries."

But Baptists may not long content themselves with futile pleas for toleration. Throughout the colonies there is growing opposition to the established church and the crown, and Baptists are aligning themselves with those who stand ready to fight for civil and religious freedom.

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Carpenter's Concern Rebuilds Young Lives

By Polly A. McNabb
FRESNO, Calif. (BP) — Ron Climer works with his hands 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., constructing, repairing and renewing buildings. He is a carpenter.

From 4 p.m. until all hours of the night, he works with his heart, rebuilding and renewing teenage youths. A volunteer worker at the juvenile hall here, Climer is apart of the outreach ministry of Sierra Heights Baptist Church and of the Mid-Valley Southern Baptist Association in this area.

In his first year of ministry, more than 100 youths have made decisions for Jesus Christ, resulting in changed lives. Experiences he has shared with youths coming through juvenile hall and Climer's own life story help to explain the amazement of other juvenile workers with the carpenter's success in communicating with some of the more difficult young people.

Take John, for example. It's his real name. The first time John went into worship services on Sunday afternoon, he didn't know Climer, God and the world. The second time, he wasn't quite so mean, but was still belligerent. The third time, he accepted Christ.

Thereafter, John attended every church and showed a real hunger for Bible study. Because of the seriousness of his crime, he was transferred to jail and later to the state penitentiary.

Knowing how difficult it would be for John in the Fresno jail, Climer gave him a 10 - night crash course in discipleship.

The odds were not in John's favor. He was black, only 17, and had turned state's evidence. To use Climer's language, "They hung a jacket on him for being a snitch."

Climer described John's letters from prison as sounding almost like those of the Apostle Paul. When John was asked to join a black gang he told its members: "I'm not a black man and I'm not a white man. I'm God's man, and I don't want to join a radical gang. I just want to do my time and be what God wants me to be."

Twice his life was threatened, and he was put into protective custody. Twice he has been transferred.

"But he's still hanging in there . . . He says he's going to stand for God wherever he is, even if it means his life."

One authority at juvenile hall said that of 10 churches involved there, "Climer's ministry is the most meaningful."

To understand why, you have to know Climer's background.

Reared in an "unstable home," Climer ran away from home three times by age 15. Twice, he landed in juvenile hall.

Then he started using narcotics. But when he was 17, he met Carol. She was so special that he cut down on his drinking and stopped using dope for a while. In six months they were married.

Within two months, however, he went back to drugs. He was "pretty heavy into drugs" when their daughter, Lori, was born.

He was on acid when Carol told him she was expecting another baby. It scared Climer. He had heard what sometimes happens to babies whose parents are on acid. He wanted Carol to lose the baby, but the boy was born normal.

By the time Climer was leaning on "reds" (a barbiturate), wrecking cars and hurting people. It wasn't long before he had a \$500 - a - week heroin habit. He stole, robbed, lied and cheated to support it. On Christmas Day 1973, he shot another man in the face.

Twice he tried to kick the drug habit, but it didn't work. One day he and another friend discovered that "old drinking buddy" Leroy, had become "some kind of a Jesus freak."

Leroy tried to tell them how Jesus had delivered him from drugs. Climer couldn't help noticing the look of love and concern on Leroy's face.

Climer went home and told his wife they were going to start going to church. But after two weeks of attending worship services, nothing happened. He had to "fix" before he left for church and immediately when he got home. By this time, he needed six fixes a day.

Carol suggested he talk to the minister, so they made an appointment. Climer didn't really know what to say to the minister and often cursed because that "was the only way I knew to talk. But the minister, Bill Thornton, just overlooked it.

Once again, Climer was confronted with God. "That same God I saw on the face of Leroy, I saw on the face of Mr. Thornton."

They talked and prayed for several hours, then Thornton asked: "What time do you have to fix in the morning?"

"About 5:30 or 6," Climer replied.

"Okay. When you're up fixing, I'll be up praying for you," the pastor said.

Three days later, Jan. 25, 1973, Climer resolved "I'm not going to fix any more after today."

He fixed six "quarters" that day, and woke up the next day really hurting. He began smoking all the pot he had, and he drank until he was drunk. But the pain was still there.

Then he started reading the Bible. He thought of Leroy and Thornton, and prayed: "God, why can you give Leroy that kind of love and peace and joy and give it to Bill (Thornton), and for me You got this? Why? Lord, if this is all you got for me, I don't want it."

Then he prayed, "Okay God, I'll do whatever you want me to do, wherever and however you want to use me. I'm ready. Just don't let me fix anymore."

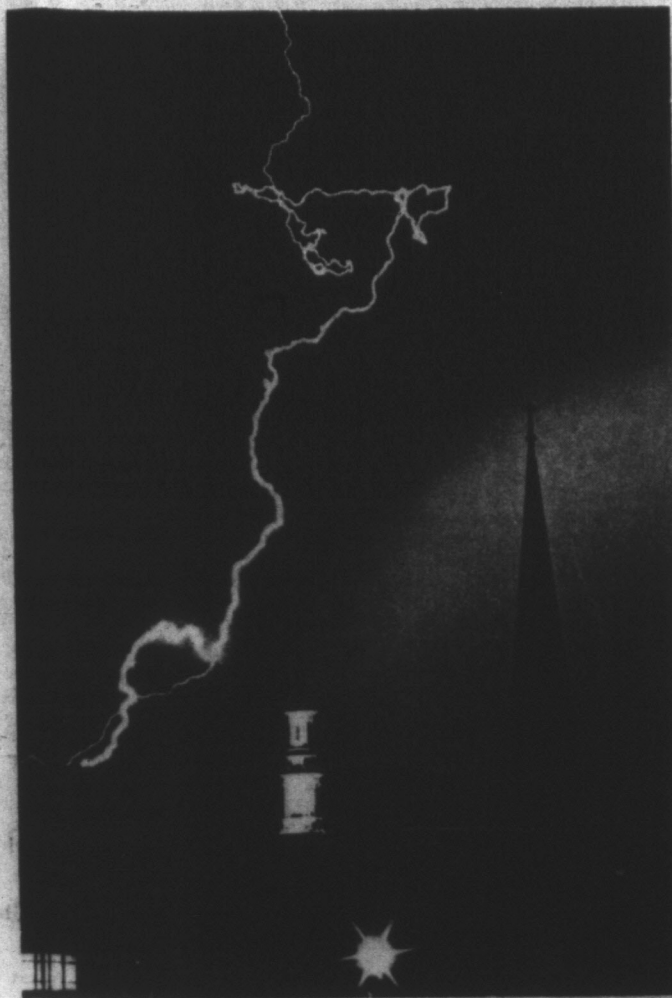
Climer did not awaken until the next morning, the latest he had slept in months. He wasn't sick, and he didn't need a fix. The hours and weeks went by, and he never had a withdrawal pain, he said.

"For the first time in my life, I really felt loved," he said. "I knew my wife loved me," and "I really knew that God loved me."

The only effect of withdrawal he felt, Climer said, was sleeplessness. For the next 30 days he slept only two hours a night. The remaining 22 hours he spent "saturating myself in the Word." He soaked up the Bible like a man dying of thirst who finally found a waterhole. Within a month, his Bible was dog-eared.

When Climer tells the story to the youth in juvenile hall, he points out that no matter what they might have done, God is willing to forgive them and help them start a new life.

They listen, because they know what he is talking about from personal experience.



Etched Against The Sky

READING, Pa.—Against the blackboard of a darkened sky above Reading, Pa., a contorted white strand of lightning etches itself, momentarily matching the brilliance of the Trinity Lutheran Church steeple while the spire of Christ Episcopal Church blends into the darkness. (RNS Photo by A. Charles Russo)

Hawaii Baptist Academy

Oasis Of Opportunity

By E. Paul Caudill
Pastor Emeritus
First, Memphis

Here in a natural setting of indescribable beauty on the island of Oahu, and five minutes from downtown Honolulu where land is \$75-\$100 per square foot, lies the beginnings for Baptists of what may one day become the most influential base of witness in all the Pacific. Situated on the west side of the famous Pali Highway, at the foot of the Pali mountains on the west, and Pacific Heights on the right (along whose sprawling skirts courses the rippling Nuuanu stream), are the 13.6 acres of ground on which the Hawaii Baptist Academy rests. The property was purchased at auction in April, 1972 for \$553,000. (The property was reportedly offered for sale at \$750,000.)

The Philippine Consulate stands in front of the school. The residence of Justice Alexander G. M. Robertson. Surrounded by other consulates and numerous churches in Nuuanu, the Academy is midway between the Royal Mausoleum (the burial place of the early monarchs) and Queen's next door to the school administration classrooms illuminated by natural light on the east and west sides. campus also lies half-a-mile Emma Museum on the Pali Highway, which bisects in a unique way the principal cultural, religious, historic center of the city.

The school, headed by President Stanley Sagert, a retired Air Force colonel, has enrolled some 700 students in kindergarten through high school (college preparatory classes). The elementary division, with more than 200 students, is housed in a building jointly shared with the Central Baptist Church, along with three other adjacent buildings on the property acquired by our Southern Baptist foreign missionaries in 1948.

Only one classroom building has been erected as of now on the new Nuuanu campus site — a 30' by 30', 4-story building with all the necessities for a complete school. This building was constructed at the cost of \$2,200,000, with \$600,000 yet to be raised to complete payment on the project. Efforts are also being made to provide the much needed building to house the gymnasium, chapel and cafeteria. In order to have chapel services now the high school rents the sanctuary of a nearby community church. A rather large parking and play area is in use for physical education, but the badly needed shower facilities are not available now and will not be until the new building is constructed.

Honolulu represents perhaps the most diversified ethnic culture to be found in the world. It is the crossroads to the Orient . . . the melting pot of both the Occident and the Orient, and the students trained here may come to influence, in a marked degree, the future cultures of the world. They may also give the whole world a deeper understanding of the concepts of truth and duty as expressed in the Judeo-Christian heritage. Yes, from this spot of religious training may well come Christian evangelists who will cause whole continents to tremble in their effort to proclaim Christ as the answer for meaningful existence and future hope.

The school itself is an oasis of spiritual opportunity. At a chapel service for the elementary division last Tuesday, 59 young people stepped forward to take their stand for Jesus. Every teacher in the Academy is a follower of Jesus Christ. (The faculty and staff are predominantly Southern Baptist.) The whole school looks up to God.

If I had a million dollars to devote to the cause of Christian education, I believe I would invest the principal part of it here in Hawaii Baptist Academy.

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Baptist Union Formed In Bangalore, India

BANGALORE, India (BP) — The Karnataka Baptist Union of Churches was officially inaugurated in services here. The union marks the beginning of official co-operation between congregations in the state of Karnataka.

Southern Baptist missionaries, limited to medical and educational roles in India, were present for the services. Other guests included J. D. Hughey, area secretary for Europe and the Middle East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; Robert E. Naylor, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.; David Wong, president of the Baptist World Alliance; and B. R. Moses, president of the Baptist Union of India.

The union began because Baptist churches wanted to establish fellowship with each other, according to Dr. Rebekah A. Naylor, Southern Baptist missionary physician stationed in Bangalore. A pastors' prayer fellowship was organized and initial discussions concerning union began.

Three major groups united in the fellowship are the Indian Baptist Mission (the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) with the Bangalore Baptist Hospital and the associated churches; the United Evangelical Mission with its churches and schools; and the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

The Road To Quezaltenango

By Frank Waggoner

From Guatemala City to Quezaltenango, the road winds through some of the world's most beautiful mountains. We drove slowly, enjoying the fresh green fields, the deep valleys the towering hills. It was a day for joy and life. Then we saw the bus.

The passengers were standing near it, looking at something in the road. We approached. There lay a man about 40 years old. He would never get any older. His blood and brains stained the highway and matted his hair.

"What are you waiting for?" I asked.

"We must wait for the judge," said the driver.

"What happened?" I asked.

He motioned toward the still body. "He was drinking a little. He stepped from the bus, before it stopped. He tripped and fell on his head."

The dead man's head was broken, his face ruined.

"Where is he now?" I asked.

"Over there," said a boy, wondering at my ignorance. "He is lying right there!"

"No," I said. "That is his body. But where is he?"

There was silence. A country man hesitated, then pointed upward.

"Up there, maybe," he said. A man in a business suit said

shall enter the city of God."

"Is he lost forever?" she asked, as though she were afraid of the answer.

I shook my head slowly. "I am not a judge. I can only go by the Word of God. Now there is only one thing certain. Put him in a box. Carry him with love and tears to the cemetery. Lower him into the grave. Hid him forever from Guatemala's skies. Then, go home."

She looked at me with questions in her eyes. I continued. "At the grave his family his friends, his church, will all turn their backs on him and leave. They can go no further."

"He must make that last trip alone. According to the evidence which we see here, he has stepped out into outer darkness where God is not seen. Remember that the Bible says, 'How terribly black is that darkness.'"

"This man made his own decision. He must pay his own penalty. He is waiting now for final disposition into the lake of fire, forever, as the Word of God says.

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There is nothing we can do now. The prayers of millions on this earth cannot affect those who have gone before us. He is gone . . . forever!"

The group of passengers milled around me casting covert glances at the unfortunate victim of the accident. There was no conversation, as they silently mulled over their own thoughts.

An older man with brown wrinkled face and darker eyes approached me. "I believe God," he said. "I have accepted Christ as my Saviour. What happens to me when I die?"

He seemed to be one of the millions of this land, poor, uneducated, half-hungry, most of the time, but there was no doubting his sincerity as he looked into my eyes.

"Did you realize that you were a sinner, and could not save yourself?" I asked him. "Did you know that you were lost and only God could save you? Did you know that Christ died for you upon the cross and paid for all your sins forever? Did you know that if you called on God, He would save you?"

He nodded his head vigorously at each question. "Yes, yes! I know all that."

"And have you accepted Christ as your personal Saviour?"

"Oh, yes," he said, and the words burst from his lips, while his face shone. "I am trusting

Names In The News

Gerald LaNell Hodges, formerly of Wildwood, Laurel, has moved back to Laurel from Gulfport, where he was licensed to preach by Grace Memorial Church. In Laurel, he is a senior, with major in Bible, at Southeastern Baptist College. He is a member of Calvary Church, Rev. Harvey Easterling, pastor. He and his wife, the former Martha Round of Laurel, have two children, Gerald and Stephen. Mr. Hodges may be contacted for supply preaching, or pastorate, at 1642 Airport Drive, Laurel, MS 39440 (phone 428-4897).



Larry Barlow has completed a twelve-week field practicum in pastoral care and counseling at University Hospital, Jackson, in conjunction with USM's Counseling Department. Barlow has now completed the requirements for a Master's degree in pastoral counseling and will be graduated from USM in May. Dr. James Travis, director of pastoral services at the University Medical Center, was the supervisor. Barlow is the pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Lincoln County.

Bill Collum, son of Rev. and Mrs. Roy Collum of Jackson, has been called to Dixie Church, Lebanon Association, as minister of music. He is married to the former Diane Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Coleman of Jackson. While working on his Bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in church music, he has served First Church, Steens; First, Rolling Fork; First Leakesville; and Petal Harvey. Rev. Wayne Berry is pastor of Dixie Church.

Bill Bacon has accepted the call from First Church, Clinton, to become minister of music. He and his family moved to Clinton March 8 from Glasgow, Kentucky. Dr. Bill Baker is the pastor.

Bracey "Buz" Campbell, a former Jacksonian and a graduate of Mississippi College, has been named managing editor of the Nashville, Tenn., Banner. He went to the staff of the Banner in 1971 from Jackson where he began his career with the Jackson Clarion-Ledger in 1965. His wife is the former Gay Smith of Jackson. His father, Dr. L. Frank Campbell, was formerly pastor of Westview Church, Jackson; his grandfather, Dr. L. Bracey Campbell, was for many years writer of the Sunday School lesson commentary in the Baptist Record.



NEW LANGUAGE CENTER—Edmund A. Anderson, director of a new Inter-Mission Language Center in Bandung, Indonesia, points out a word to Linda (Mrs. William R.) Gaddis, recently appointed Southern Baptist missionary. Two Indonesian Baptist instructors observe Anderson's teaching methods. Mary Allie Ditsworth, Mississippian, language study coordinator for Baptist missionaries in Indonesia, offers advice and assistance. (FMB photo by William R. Gaddis)



Rita Whitley, ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Whitley of Quitman, reached in January of this year an eight-year perfect Sunday School attendance record at Calvary Church, Quitman. She has continued in perfect attendance since then. (On March 7 she was taught the lesson at home in bed, where she had a severe case of chicken pox.) Ray McKenzie is Sunday School superintendent and director and Rev. H. D. "Bud" Swindall is the pastor.

Linda Carol Snell of Hattiesburg has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Mississippi College for the 1976-77 school year. Miss Snell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reese H. Snell of Hattiesburg.

Major W. Ian Thomas of London, England will lead the Bible conference to be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana March 27-April 2. Schuyler M. Batson is pastor.

V. L. McGlocklin, who retired last year from the book store division of the Baptist Sunday School Board following 21 years of service, died in Nashville recently of a heart attack at the age of 64. McGlocklin was a Texas native.



Three ministerial students at Blue Mountain College are recipients of loose-leaf Greek New Testament study bibles for outstanding academic records of "A" grade point averages on their recent academic records. Left to right: Clarence Hendricks, pastor of Victory Church, Nettleton; Mike Burenski, pastor, Hickory Flat Church; and Keith Patt, pastor, Rienzi Church. Their Biblical division chairman, Dr. James L. Travis, is second from right. Dr. Douglas Bain is the New Testament Greek instructor.

Roy E. Perry, manuscript editor in the Sunday School department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, since 1968, has been named copywriter in the promotion materials section at the board.

William David Beasley of Jackson has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Mississippi College for the 1976-77 school year. Beasley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Beasley of 2531 Mulberry in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Payton Myers, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rte. 1, Box 134, West Point, Miss. 39773). Both are natives of Mississippi.

Jay Slaughter has been elected youth director of Lowery Creek Church, Rt. 1, Seminary. He is a freshman at Jones County Junior College, Ellisville. The pastor of the church is Rev. J. L. Riley of Ocean Springs.



Rev. J. L. Riley, pastor of Trinity, Biloxi, for four years, has resigned to re-assume the pastorate of Wilton Church, Wilton, Alabama. He was pastor at Wilton for five years before moving to Trinity.



Rawls Springs Burns Notes

Rawls Springs Church (Lebanon) recently held noteburning services, signifying that the church is free of debt. Two notes contracted for thirty years were paid off in less than seven years. During the time the notes were being paid, the church also constructed and paid cash for 3500 feet of educational space and almost doubled their gifts to missions. Shown burning the notes are: Joe Warden, deacon chairman; H. C. Hayden and John Prine, deacon chairmen when the money was borrowed; and Bill Mitchell, pastor. Members and guests dressed in old-fashioned clothes and enjoyed a meal at the church at noon. An afternoon service featured singing groups from the church.

Calvary, Columbia Honors Pastor

February was "Red Letter Month" for Calvary Church, Columbia. This reached over fifty March, when an Appreciation Day honored the pastor, Rev. James E. Walker, Mrs. Walker, and their daughter Robin. March 7 marked the anniversary of the pastor's first year with the church. He moved to Calvary from First, Florida.

On the fifth Sunday of February, a special program on the Bicentennial theme was given.

The Junior Choir, standing in the balcony, sang, "The Sound of America," under direction of Ronnie Ross, minister of music.

Marvin Polk, a charter member, gave the history of the church, which began on April 3, 1948, in a tent in City Park. They now have a spacious sanctuary.

A feature of the morning service was a roll call of the membership. Special music was given with Tim Buckley, soloist, singing, "The Stranger of Galilee," accompanied by Mrs. Ronnie Ross, pianist.

The Adult Choir rendered the anthem, "Victory," with Mrs. Ross, pianist, and Mrs. Rahama Thompson, organist, Pam Wilson, Sharon Williamson, trumpetists, and Jeff Ashley on the kettle drums.

Pastor Walker brought a forceful message, "How Pagan is America."

Lunch was served in the Fellowship Hall to some 150. One of the outstanding achievements for February was the offering, totaling \$15,844 with \$6,000, given on the Fifth Sunday.

Then March 7 was especially dedicated to the pastor and his family. Individual flowers were dedicated to the Walkers, with Buford Ashley, chairman of deacons, paying tribute to Mr. Walker.

A special Bulletin, with the family pictures was distributed to the congregation.

A Fellowship Hour was held in the evening. The pastor and his family were given a love offering.

Iuka Membership Passes 1,000

Sunday School enrollment has reached 700 and the total membership has grown to 1,000 at the Iuka Church. Each of these historic events happened on March 7, the concluding day of a revival led by Bill Penley and Lowell Lelstner.

There were nineteen new converts baptized in the evening worship service on March 7, according to Charles Dampier, pastor. Jerry Swimmer is minister of music and youth and Stanley Magill is associate pastor.

Beware of a church member with an open mouth and a closed pocket book.

Baptists In Europe Show Small Numerical Loss

WASHINGTON (BP)—Membership of Baptist churches in eastern Europe ("socialist republics") increased in 1975 in contrast to a decline in western Europe and in the continental total, according to preliminary 1976 statistics compiled by the Baptist World Alliance.

Carl W. Tiller, BWA statistician, said that figures for most of the European countries are the result of a recent count. But, in a few cases in which updated figures have not yet reached BWA headquarters, estimates or the prior year's figures are used. They are subject to later revision.

In Eastern European nations, churches increased from 6,650 in 1975 to 6,655 in 1976 while church members went up 904 to a total of 745,516. In Western European nations, churches declined by 224 to a total of 4,694 and members went down 3,033 to a total of 419,858.

Totals for Eastern and Western Europe are 11,319 churches and 1,165,371 members in 1976, an overall decline of 219 and 2,149 respectively from the previous year. (Worldwide, Baptists total, 33,758,075 in 138,648 churches. Of that figure nearly 29.5 million are in the United States, including 12.7 million Southern Baptists.)

The long term trend for Baptist numbers in Europe has been mixed. Europe is the only continent where there has not been a distinct upward movement, according to the BWA. European membership data for other recent years: 1969 — 1,157,432; 1970 — 1,178,042; 1971 — 1,170,114; 1972 — 1,161,606; 1973 — 1,141,214; 1974 — 1,158,972; 1975 — 1,167,520.

	BAPTISTS IN EUROPE			
	1976 *		1975	
	Churches	Members	Churches	Members
Austria	10	800	9	800
Belgium	12	538	11	513
Bulgaria	20	1,000	20	1,000
Czechoslovakia	27	4,045	27	4,045
Denmark	41	6,554	42	6,611
Finland	38	2,724	33	2,759
France	70	3,745	66	3,639
Germany, Dem. Rep. of	222	22,535	223	22,842
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	371	69,433	392	71,926
Greece	2	211	2	161
Hungary	204	12,000	212	12,070
Iceland	1	50	1	50
Ireland, Rep. of	8	250	8	250
Italy	102	5,449	100	5,336
Luxembourg	1	20	1	20
Netherlands	82	10,813	82	10,479
Norway	65	6,659	64	6,588
Poland	52	2,401	52	2,401
Portugal	56	3,366	62	3,786
Romania	1,037	160,000	1,037	160,000
Spain	89	9,072	87	8,796
Sweden	708	44,667	837	44,826
Switzerland	24	2,822	24	2,822
U.S.S.R.	5,030	540,000	5,025	539,000
United Kingdom	2,977	252,315	3,058	253,219
Yugoslavia	63	3,535	54	3,254
Dependencies:				
Channel Islands	6	300	6	300
Isle of Man	1	27	1	27
TOTAL	11,319	1,165,371	11,536	1,167,520

*Subject to updating.

Russell Presents Patriotic Program

Russell Church (Lauderdale) had special emphasis on Five Fabulous Sundays in February. The highlight was a Patriotic Program on the last Sunday. The Adult Choir under the direction of Jimmy Crane, minister of music, presented the song "The Statue of Liberty." At appropriate intervals the United States Flag was presented by Grady Holder; the Christian Flag by Joe Rawson; and the Cross by Johnny Murphy, representing Christ.

Mrs. T. W. Calcott was pianist, and Mrs. Raymond Massey, organist. This was followed by the Rev. Charles Griffith, pastor, presenting his sermon on "The Cornerstones of Freedom," these be-

Immanuel Calls Paul Martin

Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, has called Rev. Paul Martin as pastor.



Mr. Martin came from Parkway Church in Niceville, Fla. He is a graduate of William Carey College and of New Orleans Seminary. His family consists of Mrs. Mary E. Roney, Martin and four sons: Michael and David, away from home, Timothy, 14; and Jeffery, 11.

What Are Mississippi Baptists Doing For Family Life?

"Helping the Caring Church to Meet Developmental Family Needs"

"The Christian Family" is a program assignment of the Mississippi Baptist Convention to the Christian Action Commission. The Commission, through the Executive Director, offers help in the following ways:

• Conducts, sponsors, or helps in planning:

- Family Life Enrichment Revivals
- Family Life Conferences
- Seminars on "Preparation for Marriage"
- Marriage Enrichment Retreats
- Seminars on "Helping Other People with Family Problems"
- Parenting Workshops
- Seminars for pastors in "Counseling About Family Problems"
- Seminars and Retreats for "Formerly Marrieds" and "Career Singles"
- Seminars on "Grief and Separation"
- Associational Conferences for pastors and/or staff members and their families

• Promotes the use or observance of:

- Christian Home Week
- Family Enrichment Series of books produced annually by the Family Ministry Department, Baptist Sunday School Board
- Home Life Magazine, The Baptist Record and other family magazines that will contribute to the strengthening of families

• Offers a 21-tract series entitled "Christian Life Style for Families"

• Help for Single Parents and those who love them and Behaving At Home, two book projects of the Commission, authored by Dr. and Mrs. J. Clark Hensley

• Helps churches redemptively deal with divorced persons

• Provides pastors and church libraries with bibliography on the family

• Has state-wide listing of qualified family counselors

The Departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board offer many promotional efforts geared to directly or indirectly strengthen families. For example:

- Curriculum materials—All departments
- Deacon Family Ministry Plan—Church Administration Dept.
- Family stewardship promotions—Stewardship Dept.
- Special conferences on "Aging"—Church Training Dept.
- Conferences for young pastors' wives—W.M.U. Dept.

Illustrations of Other Agency Helps:

- Helping families with wills—Baptist Foundation
- Security for church leadership families—Annuity Board
- Foster child care—Baptist Childrens Village

For information contact Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

The Basis Of Judgment

By Wm. J. Fallis
Matthew 25

"Inspection!" That word can turn a casual group of scouts into a squad of diligent workers to get a cabin clean and in order. "Examination!" That may not be the dreaded word if it was a generation ago, but the engineering student who takes it casually will have to pass one eventually when he builds his first bridge. All of us know what judgment is; even the president of a corporation may be judged by the stockholders. Judgment is an inescapable fact of life; every one is being judged by God, and all of creation must face him at the end of time.

The Lesson Explained
THE FINAL JUDGMENT (vv. 31-33)

Throughout Matthew 24 one can find similarities in Mark 13 and Luke 21, but Matthew 25 is different. It has no parallels in the other Gospels. It contains the parable of the ten maidens and the parable of the talents; then comes this picture of the final judgment.

Although Jesus did not specifically identify himself as the judge, he did use a favorite par-

sonal expression, "Son of man." He described the scene in otherworldly images, and we can hardly imagine what they mean. But "all nations" will be gathered before him for judgment. In his first coming, he had no place to call his own; in the second he will be seated on a throne of glory. In the first coming he could claim only a relatively few followers; in the second he will judge all nations. In that time he saw himself as a shepherd separating sheep from goats, just as the Palestinian shepherds handled their mixed flocks.

INHERITING THE REIGN OF GOD (vv. 34-40)

In these verses what started as a parable becomes something more. The Son of man is now called "the King," and the sheep can understand and respond to his words. They are the "blessed of my Father" who can inherit the kingdom (reign) of God because they had submitted themselves to that reign and lived under it. They had proved that in the way they had treated people in all kinds of need. But when the King lists their deeds as having been done unto him, "the righteous" say

they remember nothing like that. Then the King will say that as they helped the needy — even the lowest or poorest — they were doing it as unto himself. Jesus was not ignoring faith, but he was emphasizing deeds.

ASSIGNED TO THE DEVIL'S REALM (vv. 41-46)

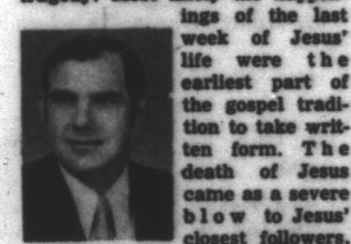
To those on his left Jesus said some hard things. Not only must they leave his presence, but they must go to the terrible place prepared for the devil. Then the King went down the same list he had used with the righteous, except now he says in none of these needs did they show him compassion. They protested; if they had ever seen him in trouble they would have helped him. But that was not enough; compassion does not ask who is in trouble, does not limit itself to friends and family. These on the left had not been concerned about the unimportant people in need. Jesus judged them on the same basis as those on his right. One group would be at home under the reign of God; the other its lack of loving concern would be more compatible "with the devil and his angels."

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Delivered Up To Be Crucified

By Bill Duncan
Matthew 26:1-56

This is the final and the definite beginning of the last act of divine tragedy. Most likely the happen-



ings of the last week of Jesus' life were the earliest part of the gospel tradition to take written form. The death of Jesus came as a severe blow to Jesus' closest followers, despite his efforts to prepare them for it. Death on the cross at the hands of the Romans meant that he died the way a criminal died, especially an enemy of the state. Therefore, the death of Jesus required explanation both for the followers of Christ and their enemies. A full historical statement is given to show how Jesus came to death and included showing his innocence and the guilt of those who joined together to crucify him. Christians were

able to interpret Jesus' death in the light of the resurrection and of the scripture. In fact, as they interpreted Jesus by the scripture, they came to a new understanding of the scripture.

In all the activities of the last week, He made it clear that his aim was the cross. Some may have thought that he was proposing to defy the Jewish authorities. The chief priest and the elders were the Sadducean and Pharisaic representatives of the Sanhedrin. The Pharisees were the first to oppose Jesus, because of conflicts over the Law. The Sadducees were opposed to Jesus for political reasons more than religious. They saw not only their authority over the Temple challenged, but their whole relationship with the Romans threatened. The Sadducees were collaborationists with Rome, depending on Rome for their appointment to office. They feared anything that even appeared to be potentially revolutionary.

The religious leaders began to work out a plan to kill Jesus. They had many problems with their goal. There was the danger of excitement on the part of the crowd. At the Passover festivals, Jerusalem was crowded with Jewish worshippers, and patriotic feelings ran high at that time, so they wanted to avoid the plot during the Passover. They seemed not to have a suitable plan until Judas offered them his unexpected help.

Judas received thirty pieces of silver for the betrayal of Jesus. The way Judas betrayed Jesus ("deliver" and "betray" are translated the same Greek word) was to show the authorities the place Jesus could be taken with the least public notice. He would lead them to Jesus during the night. The scripture does not try to hide from the world its shame. The betrayal was from a trusted apostle. The price of thirty pieces of silver was the price of a slave. Many believe that Judas never intended Jesus to die. He may have hoped that Jesus would be com-

bread, blessed it and gave it to the disciples to eat. The bread is a symbol of Jesus' own body given on the cross. The bread remains bread but it symbolizes that which is beyond symbolism. The supper employs symbols, bread and drink, but if genuine, it is an act of grateful worship, memory, hope, fellowship and proclamation.

The cup symbolizes that blood of Jesus poured out in realization of the new covenant. The blood stood for the life itself poured out or given. The sacrifice means not the appeasement of the Father but new life for man in the forgiveness of sins. The death of Jesus was not for a limited number, but for all. His whole ministry was one of reconciliation and this takes place in the forgiveness of sin. The death of Jesus Christ is not defeat but victory.

At Gethsemane, the humanity of the Son of God was clearly expressed in his longing for human companionship and support in his supreme hour of trial, sorrow, and loneliness. The place was possibly a private garden where Jesus went often, and the three may have been asked to remain at the entrance to watch.

The emotional state of Jesus was intense sorrow and trouble. The burden of Jesus' prayer concerned his "cup," which seemed to refer to his death and all that surrounds it; the failure of his disciples, the new release of selfish, cowardly, and angry passions in the very people he had come to save.

The submission of his will to that of his father is Jesus' great victory in Gethsemane. Had he acted to the "cup" to save himself, he would have followed the self-centered principle at the heart of the world's way. He was tempted in Gethsemane, but the victory was great. He committed himself to the way of self-denial. His prayer was, "Thy will be done." What he taught others to pray, he practiced. Out of his suffering came his triumph and glory. The armed group led by Judas



A Woman's World Reaches For
Beyond the Ironing Board

I wonder how many of the folks following Moses through the parted Red Sea waters kept glancing up at the sides of the water and were a little bit afraid it might rush out over them, after all.

Don't you sometimes feel that way while you're following the Lord through the world? I do.

There is no indication that God piped the water away to the Mediterranean or that He evaporated it to the clouds for the next year's rains. So it had to be there in plain view of the travelers. And there were probably all kinds of reactions to it. Some folks probably ran, some probably tried to act as if it didn't exist, some smarties probably even went over to the water to touch it to see if they could pull it over on them. There have always been some of every kind in every crowd.

I'm not sure exactly what the Red Sea should symbolize in my life or yours today. I know that for the children of Israel it made the difference between bondage and freedom, death and life. Seems logical that it could symbolize for you and me anything that stretched to those dimensions in our lives, threatening us with enslavement or death to usefulness.

Sometimes I get bogged down in a sense of joy, or well-being, or contentment, or middleage and have to ask the Lord to help me get on through with the business at hand. But mostly it's a matter of finding that I must get beyond the sin and evil and negative emotion that make the world such a frightening Red Sea. To love an unlovely, unloveable person I ask, Please part the dislike, the disgust, and the distaste and let me walk through to love. To reach understanding I have to request, Please part the impatience and intolerance and let me walk through. And so on.

When I look at things like alcohol, drug addiction, immorality of all kinds — things that tear a life up, I beg, Please part the evil and lead me through — please don't let any of this fall on me — hold it up until You're sure I'm on the other side.

Most of the time I go on through, very confidence in His strength. But sometimes I can't seem to help but feel a stark terror. When I see Moses, I'm gonna tell him about it.

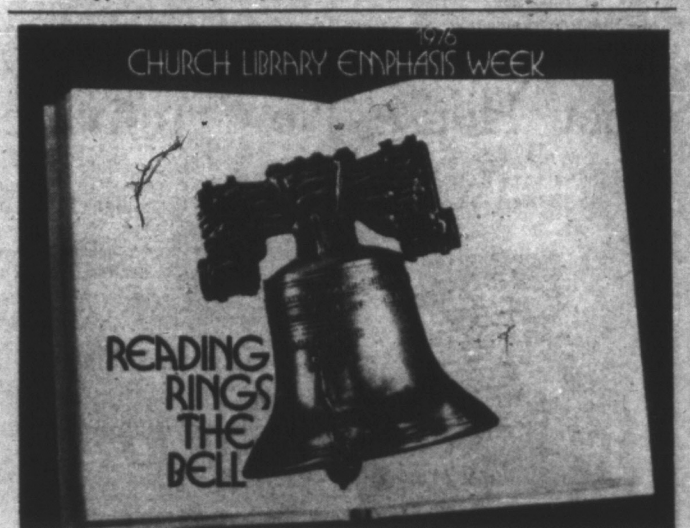
Chances are he'll say, "I know what you mean."

Calvary, Natchez Praises ACTION

Russell Naron, pastor of Calvary Church, Natchez, reports, "We began ACTION January 4 on a bitter cold Sunday with a lower than usual attendance of 66, of 134 enrolled. We enrolled 26 that Sunday."

"The next Sunday was very cold, with much sickness in the community. But on February 1, we saw 105 of 169 enrolled in attendance in Sunday School. Previous highs for February had at best been in the 70's."

"The previous all-time high attendance for any year had been 94, usually on annual homecoming day in October. On February 8 we had 99 in Sunday School. We are meeting our current operating budget and still consider ourselves less than half way on a total enrollment goal of 250."



To help Southern Baptist churches commemorate America's Bicentennial, the church library department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, has produced the "Reading Rings the Bell Church Library Week Promotion Kit-1976." Besides promoting National Library Week, April 4-10, the kit will help church media centers plan an emphasis on reading and using library facilities throughout the Bicentennial year.

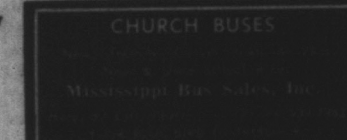
McDowell Road Church Kindergarten Registration To Be Held April 6

Registration and open house will be held April 6, at McDowell Road Church, 1020 McDowell Road, Jackson, for the fall term of kindergarten. The hours for registration are from 8:30 a.m. through 10:30. The children must be four or five before January 1, 1977. They also offer a three year program three days a week. The kindergarten hours are from 8:30 11:30.

Day care facilities are also available for children through five years of age all day. For further information about day care or kindergarten, contact the director, Mrs. Gussie Ashley at the Day Care office 372-1531.

Correction On Music For Praising '76

The music for the mass choir during Praising '76 was listed in a brochure mailed out last week. The octavo number for "In Pleasant Places" by John Peterson, Singaspiration, was listed as ZJP 8208. The number should be 7285 and this anthem may also be found in the music periodical, "Gospel Choir," Broadman, October, 1974 issue.



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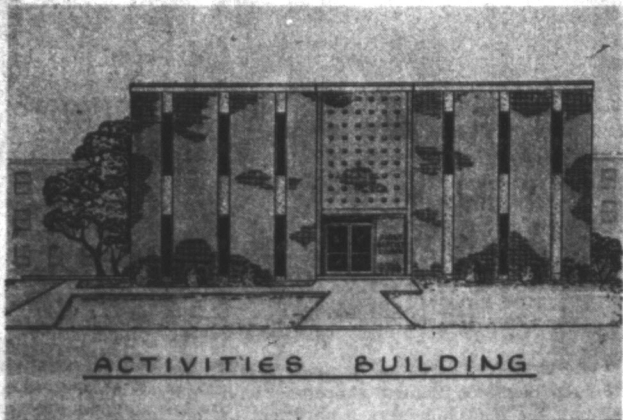
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First Church, Yazoo City, Announces Open House, New Activities Building



First Church, Yazoo City, invites the public to attend open house ceremonies at their new Activities Building, Sunday afternoon, March 28, between 2 and 4 p.m.

In 1974 the church set out to pledge an Activities Building Budget of \$250,000 using the TOGETHER WE BUILD program. John Alexander, Director of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion, assisted in the financial program for the Fall of 1974. The budget was pledged over a three-year period with the slogan, "Not Equal Gifts, But Equal Sacrifice." Many children and young people give weekly or monthly to the Activities Building

Fund.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held on Sunday, April 20, 1975, James W. McCleskey, Jr., Architect from Hattiesburg, designed the two-story building. Construction was done by the W. G. Yates and Sons Construction Co. of Philadelphia. The construction was completed in the Fall of 1975, and the first "gathering" in the building was a New Year's Eve Service on Wednesday night, December 31.

Eugene H. Turner served as Chairman of the Activities Building Committee. Later a Building Furnishings Committee was selected. Recently an advisory com-

mittee was named to assist with the program of activities.

The new building has a gym for basketball, volleyball, handball, badminton, and other such games. The gym floor may be covered to set up chairs and tables for fellowships, banquets, parties or large group gatherings. The gym has adjacent dressing rooms, complete with showers. Also located on the first floor are vending machines, the kitchen, the Fireside Room, a room to be used primarily by the Senior Citizens and an office for the building director.

The second floor features the game room for pool, bumper pool, ping pong, air hockey, foosball, table shuffleboard, and booth for other table games. A television room provides a color television, radio, stereo, and tape deck, complete with bean-bag chairs, lounge chairs, and a sofa. Also located on this floor is the crafts room with features a kiln for firing ceramics.

"The building is meeting a real need in our church community and is providing a heretofore neglected ministry," states the Reverend Jim Yates, pastor.

Missionary Preaches In Catholic Church

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — During a week-long emphasis on faith interchange, Southern Baptist Missionary Howard L. Shoemaker preached to an overflow crowd in the historical Catholic cathedral here. The choir from the Central Baptist Church also sang.

The previous Sunday, Shoemaker had begun the week by inviting the archbishop, priests and choir from the cathedral to the Central Baptist Church, of which he is pastor.

Shoemaker preached in the Episcopal church during the week. An acappella choir from the Episcopal church also sang in the cathedral. Various other churches and denominations participated in the week by interchanging pastors and services.

Ovett Calls Pastor

Ovett Church, Jones County, has called Rev. James T. "Jimmy" Manning as pastor. Mr. Manning began his duties there on February 29, in his first pastorate. A native of Jones County, he is married to the former Anna Nora Fathering, also of Jones County. They have two children, Michael, 10, and Christy, 5.

Mr. Manning is a graduate of Myrick High School and has attended Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Florida, for 2½ years. He was ordained to preach by his home church, Bethlehem, Laurel. His family was given a warm welcome, with a pounding in the church's fellowship hall.

Devotional

Thank God For Everything

By John E. Barnes, III, Pastor, Antioch, Prentiss
I Thessalonians 5:16-18

A mother went to a minister and asked him to pray for her daughter who laughed at religion and had become a go-go dancer in a night club. The minister told her he would be glad to pray with her and thank God for her daughter's situation. The mother was shocked at the idea of thanking God for something so terrible. All her life she had been taught to thank God for good things and blame the devil for the bad. The minister showed her Bible verses which state that all things work together for good for those who love God and that he wants us to thank him for everything.

Although the mother did not understand, she agreed to thank God for her daughter's situation just as it was. She left with peace in her heart. That same night as her daughter was dancing in the night club, a young man walked in, looked her straight in the eye, and said, "Jesus really loves you." When she asked why he had said that, he explained that as he was walking by, God had impressed him to go in and tell the dancer that Jesus was offering her the wonderful gift of salvation. Tears filled her eyes as she stared at him. Quietly she said, "I'd like to receive that gift." Her life was dramatically changed.

This girl's mother learned one of the overlooked teachings of God's Word. No matter what happens, whether it seems bad or good, God wants his people to thank him for it.

If you find it difficult to thank God for the severest problems in your life, remember and believe this promise: "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purposes (Romans 8:28). If you love God, then he is working for good in everything that happens to you. Since this is true, "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thessalonians 5:18).

When we believe God and thank him for a situation just as it is, we release his power. One of two things will surely happen if we continue in a spirit of thankfulness: either God will change the circumstances, or he will change us.

In the instance of the mother who wanted prayer for her daughter and in hundreds of other instances, God has literally worked a miracle.

In other situations God has changed the one thanking him so that he could have joy in spite of the circumstances. One or the other will happen if we thank God for everything. He is working in all things for our good.

Revival Dates

Forest Avenue, Biloxi: March 28 - April 2; Bob Ebersole, pastor of Immanuel Church, Rogers, Arkansas, evangelist; Tom Lawler of Ocean Springs, singer; luncheon service at noon daily and an evening service at 7:30 p.m.; Jim Haynes, pastor.

Society Hill (Jeff Davis): April 2-4; Billy R. Thomas, pastor of Immanuel Church, Natchez, evangelist; Don Moore, First, Vidalia, La., singer, Tom McCurley, pastor.

New Hope (Leake): March 28-29; Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 and 7; senior citizen service, Saturday, 2 p.m. at home of Mrs. Dollie McDonald; youth campfire service and weiner roast, Saturday, 6 p.m.; The "Feel'n' Fine" Quartet, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Lunch served at church after Sunday morning service; David Pickel, music director; Jimmy Young, pastor and evangelist.

Crenshaw Church, Crenshaw; March 28 - April 2; T. F. Grubbs, new pastor at Crenshaw, evangelist; services at 7:30 p.m.

First, Lake: March 28-29; Friday night at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Sherman Barnett, pastor of Friendship Church, Grenada, evangelist; Marzené Vance, singer; Patricia Leach, organist; Lori Vance, pianist; W. P. Miley, pastor.

Mt. Zion (Rankin): April 2, 3, 4; youth led; services at 7 each night and 11 a.m. on Sunday; dinner on the grounds Sunday; Ralph Hall, assistant youth director, Calvary Vicksburg, evangelist; Larry White, Mississippi College, singer; Milton Sargent, pastor.

Southside, Hattiesburg: April 2-4; Rev. Wayne Delk, Mesquite, Texas, evangelist; Rev. Garland McInnis and Faye Thornton, in charge of singing; Rev. Lloyd Thornton, pastor. (Thousands have heard Evangelist Delk on radio and TV. He has just returned from revival meetings in Virginia and the Carolinas.)

Rocky Creek, Lucedale: March 28 - April 4; Rev. Homer Martinez, evangelist; Ron Roberts, Lucedale, music evangelist; services 7:30 nightly; Rev. S. A. Adkins, pastor.

First Church, Gautier: March 28-April 4; youth revival; Dr. Jerry Mixon, full-time evangelist from Petal, preaching; Rev. John Brock, pastor.

West Jackson Church, Tupelo: April 11-18; Dr. Jerry Mixon, full-time evangelist from Petal, preaching; Rev. Richard Clements, pastor.

The storms of sorrow, like those of the sea, enhance the faculties, the fortitude and the faith of the pilgrim.



Harmontown To Build Sanctuary

Ground was broken March 14 at Harmontown Church (Lafayette) for a new sanctuary to seat 250. The old sanctuary will be converted to nine Sunday School rooms. Since the church went full time last October, the members have voted to give 32 per cent of the budget to mission causes. They have bought and paid cash for a large mobile home. Since October, there have been 15 additions for baptism and 10 by letter. Three new deacons are to be installed April 4. They are Leland Hartley, Paul Broadfoot, and Ernest Felts. The pastor, Don Stanfill, who is employed by Baptist Hospital, Memphis, has been pastor of Harmontown Church for five years.

Off The Record

Wives who cook and do the dishes should be granted these three wishes: a grateful mate, a well-laced check, and a restaurant dinner every week.

A chigger is no bigger than the head of a small size pin, but the bump that he raises itches, like blazes — and that's where the rub comes in.

A preacher closed his letter to his friends by adding: "P.S. Write to me, even if it's only a little check."

Explaining his contributions, a man said, "Well, I gave \$5 on Easter, \$5 on Thanksgiving, and \$5 on Christmas. That's \$15."

To tell the plants from weeds, pull them out. If they come up again, they're weeds.

Baptists Sign Letter To Spain's New Leader

MADRID, Spain — Two Baptists were among those signing a letter to His Majesty Juan Carlos since the beginning of his reign in December 1975.

The letter from the Evangelical Legal Committee expressed appreciation for the reference to freedom for the non-Catholic made by Carlos in his inaugural address and promised the prayers of Christian people for him and the country. The letter also requested that the king receive representatives of the committee in order for him to hear their suggestions about how to make religious liberty become a reality.

The answer was given from the residence of His Majesty that the letter was received and the committee will be notified when a day for the interview is set.

Signing was Jose Cardona Gregori, secretary of the legal committee and pastor of the Users Baptist Church and Jose Borrás, president of the Spanish Baptist Union and professor at the Spanish Baptist Seminary.



Mt. Nebo Calls Charles Davis

Rev. Charles R. Davis assumed the pastorate of Mt. Nebo Church, Rt. 2, Collinsville, March 14. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Davis of Squalena, he is married to the former Agnes Dement. They have two children, Debbie and Chuck.

He is a native of Meridian and was graduated from Meridian High School. He has been pastor of Goodwater Church in Lauderdale county for the past three years.

The people of Mt. Nebo honored the Davis family with a reception at the church fellowship hall on March 14.

Charles and Agnes Davis, with their children, Debbie and Chuck.

Southern Hills To Celebrate 10th Anniversary

Southern Hills Church on Henderson Road, Jackson, was constituted on the 4th Sunday in March 1966. On Sunday, March 28th the congregation will celebrate their 10th anniversary.

There will be two worship services: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. An Old-Fashioned-Dinner-On-The-Ground will be served at 12 noon.

Pastor David T. Cranford announces that the Anniversary Steering Committee has planned a great day.

He had the right of way, so he wouldn't yield. Now he can't.

If you don't like your job, don't worry. Someone else will.

ACTION Doubles SS Enrollment At Locke Station

Locke Station Church near Marks began ACTION enrollment on January 18, with enrollment that day of 107. Pastor Eugene Howell says, "We enrolled for one week. Our church is in open country."

Results for February, following ACTION, were: new enrollment, 215 (up 108); new average attendance, 89 (up 28); new average weekly offering, \$338 (up \$70); decisions — one profession of faith; one surrendering to preach; 11 rededications.

Sunday School enrollment at Locke Station Church was 100 for the year of 1975, with average attendance of 64 and average weekly offering of \$268. In 1974, enrollment was 102, with 64 average attendance and \$307 average weekly offering. In 1973, enrollment was 102, with 68 average attendance and \$256 average weekly offering.

Carmel Plans Mar. 28 Homecoming

Carmel Church, Monticello, will observe annual homecoming, March 28.

Rev. Oliver Ladnier of Magee, a former pastor, will bring the morning message. Sunday School will be at 10 and morning worship at 11. Lunch will be served at noon.

The afternoon will be given to singing, by visiting and local groups.

The following Sunday, April 4, will be the beginning of revival, with Rev. Jimmy Woods of New Hebron, preaching. Rev. Charles Guy is pastor.

Crusade Rally At Briarwood

Dr. Jerry Mixon, full-time evangelist from Petal, will hold a special one-night Crusade Rally at Briarwood Church, Jackson, Sunday night, March 28. Rev. Louis Smith is the pastor.

Always put off until tomorrow what you shouldn't do at all.

Love your enemies, and remember to treat your friends better.

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